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## Commotion in London

# Did Spy for West Write Those Notes?

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LONDON—British Kremlin

ologists had a field day Monday when the book, "The Penkovsky Papers," was published in London.

The book, already printed in extract form by newspapers in this country and the United States, consists of notes made by Oleg Penkovsky, a highly placed Soviet military intelligence officer before he was executed as an Allied spy in May, 1963.

The basic authenticity of the facts and opinions recorded in the notes is not questioned by the critics. It is understood that American intelligence officers saw the book and agreed to its

publication before it appeared in serial form.

What is questioned is the contention that the notes were carefully written by Penkovsky himself in the Soviet Union while he was engaged in espionage, and smuggled out of Russia after his execution.

**DAVID FLOYD**, Soviet expert of *The London Daily Telegraph*, wrote: "It puts some strain on credulity to accept the idea that he wrote these notes in the very midst of his life of espionage."

Floyd expressed the view that the notes were "simply the publishable part of the material that Penkovsky sent to the West."

In a copyrighted story, Victor Zorga of *The Manchester Guardian* flatly challenged the assertion made in the introduction to the book that the authenticity of the papers was "beyond question."

He pointed out a number of discrepancies in dates and the conversational nature of many of the passages.

Zorga reached the conclusion that the notes were actually written in many cases by other people, perhaps by members of the Anglo-American intelligence team who questioned Penkovsky exhaustively during one of his visits to London.

**ALLIED** intelligence authorities, including officials of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, have disclaimed any connection with the book. They say the notes were smuggled out of the Soviet Union via one of the Eastern European satellite countries, independently of them.

The general impression of outsiders is that the CIA did in fact supply some of the notes used in the book.

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